

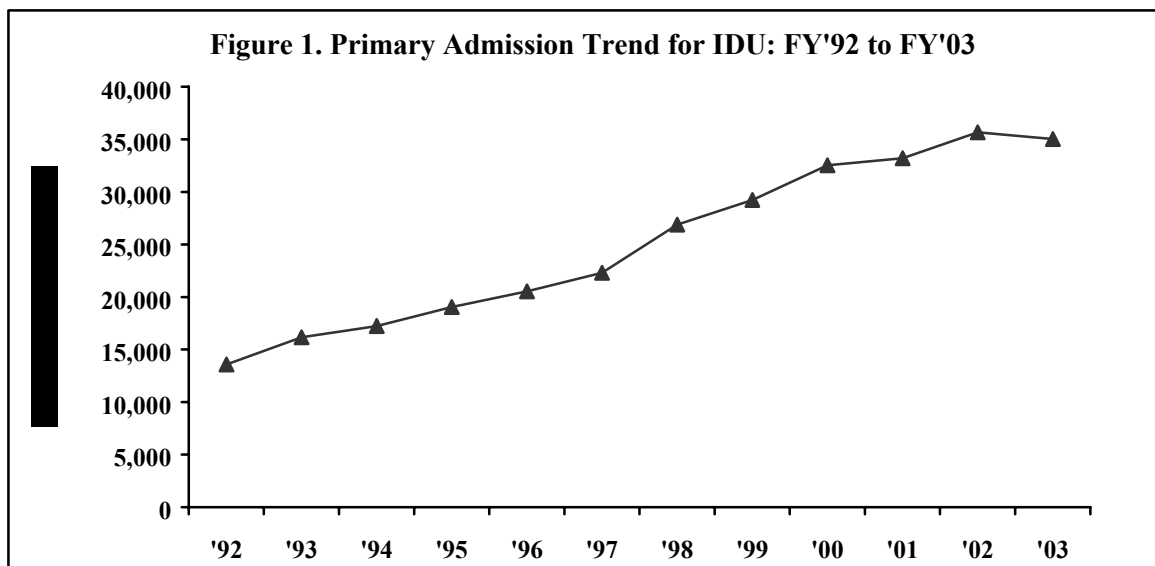
SUBSTANCE ABUSE FACT SHEET: ADULT IDU ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet provides information on all admissions to substance abuse treatment services. Data were reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Management Information System in FY 2003.¹

Overall Treatment Admissions by IDU Adults

In FY 2003, there were 35,096 admissions to substance abuse treatment services in Massachusetts who reported past year intravenous drug use (IDU); of these, 83 admissions were under 18 years of age.² The remainder of this fact sheet presents data on the 35,013 adults 18 and older. For information on substance abuse treatment services provided to clients under 18, please refer to the Adolescent Fact Sheet. Figure 1 illustrates the admission trend for adults reporting past year IDU to residential and outpatient services for Fiscal Years 1992 through 2003. While, the number of IDU admissions declined from FY 2002 to FY 2003, the proportion of all adult admissions reporting IDU increased from 29.4% to 31.0%.



Characteristics of Admissions for IDU Adults

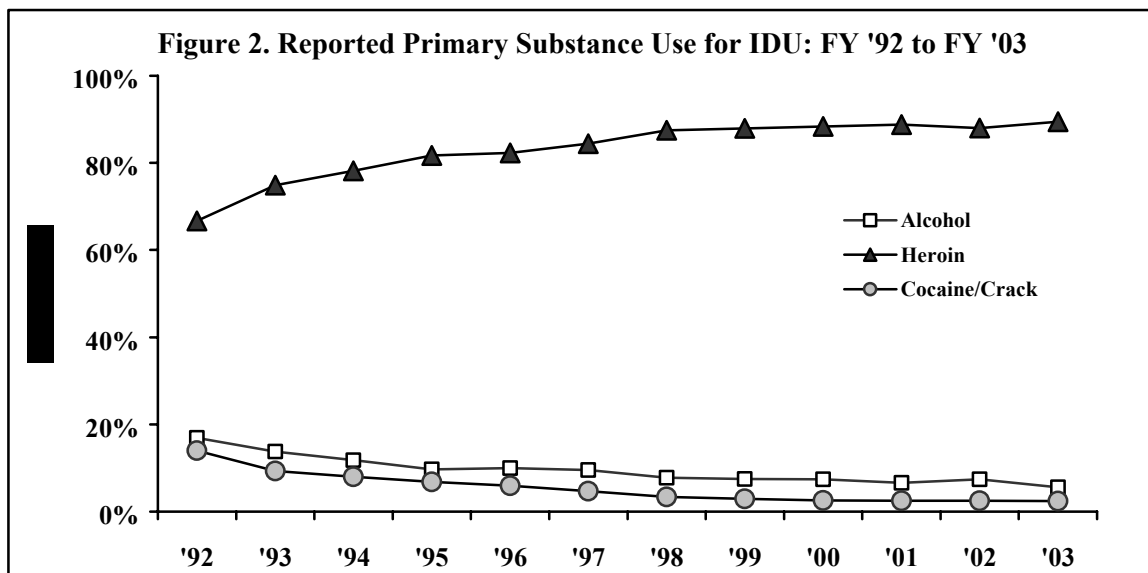
In FY 2003, adult IDU admissions to substance abuse treatment services reported the following characteristics:

- 72.1% (25,235) were male and 27.9% (9,778) were female.
- 69.8% (24,429) were White, 6.4% (2,250) were Black, 20.2% (7,071) were Latino, and 3.6% (1,263) were other racial categories.
- 91.3% (31,974) were unemployed.
- 29.5% (10,333) were homeless.³
- 23.3% (8,173) reported prior mental health treatment.
- Over a third (12,459) of the admissions were between the ages of 30-39, with a mean age of 33.9 years.
- 21.3% (7,449) were parents of children under six years of age, 19.0% (1,417) of these admissions reported living with their children. Thirty-seven percent (12,720) were the parents of children 6-18 years of age, 14.5% (1,841) of these admissions reported living with their children.

Primary Substance of Use

In FY 2003, IDU admissions reported heroin most often as the primary drug for which they were seeking treatment. Of all IDU admissions:

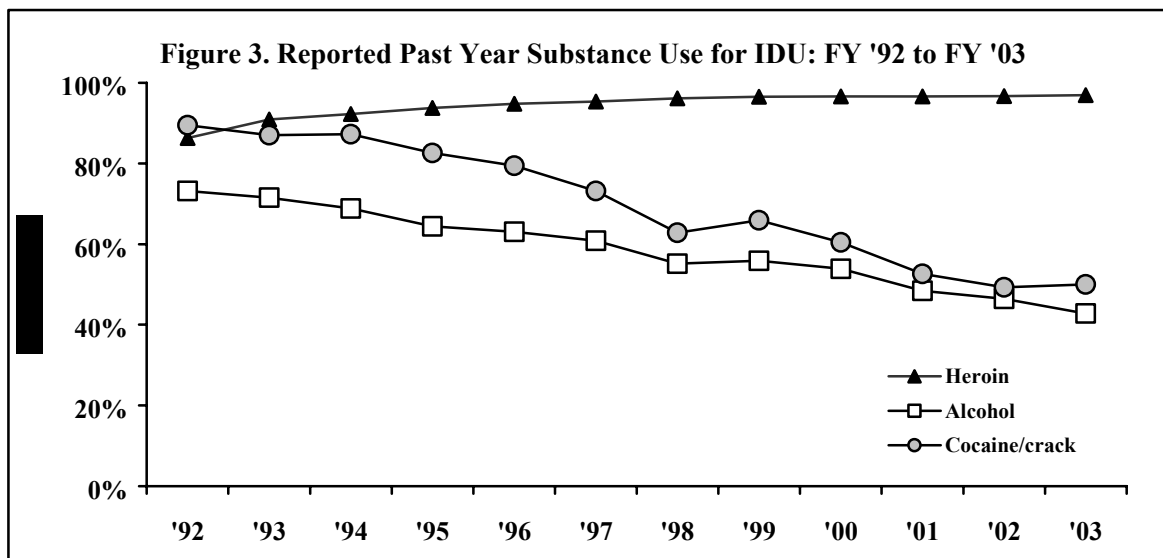
- 89.4% (31,316) reported heroin as primary substance of use.
- 5.6% (1,963) reported alcohol as primary substance of use.
- 2.4% (844) reported cocaine or crack as primary substance of use.
- 0.5% (162) reported marijuana as primary substance of use.
- 2.1% (728) reported *other* drugs as primary substance of use.



Substance Used in Past Year

At admission, heroin remained the most reported substance used in the past year among IDU. The percents of past year use add up to more than 100% due to poly-drug use. Of all admissions:

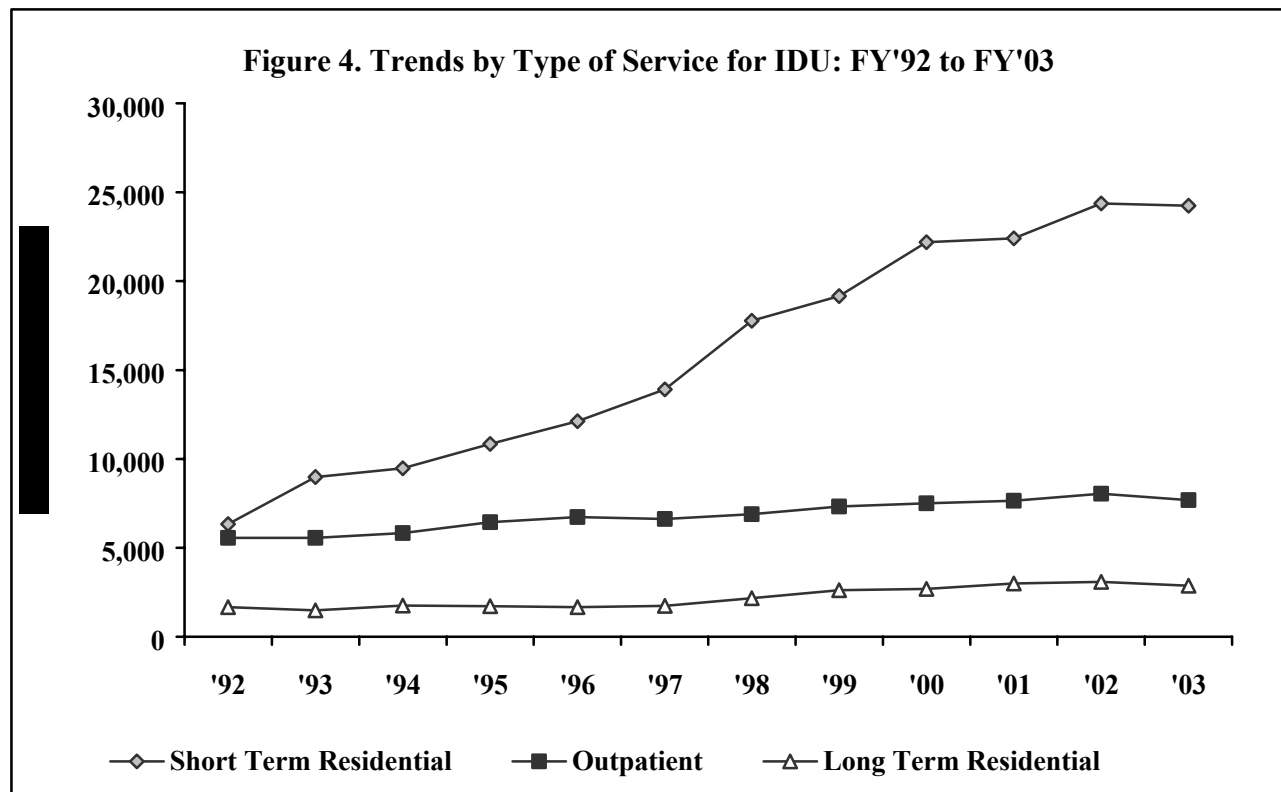
- 96.9% (33,909) reported past year heroin use.
- 50.0% (17,539) reported past year cocaine or crack use
- 42.8% (14,978) reported past year alcohol use.
- 20.9% (7,330) reported past year marijuana use.
- 43.1% (15,080) reported past year use of *other* drugs; this includes 16.0 other opiates/synthetics and 17.7% tranquilizers.



Admissions by Services Type

In FY 2003, primary IDU admissions received services in the following service modalities:

- 69.3% (24,254) were admitted to Short Term Residential (less than 30 days) Services including Acute Treatment Services (22,588), Transitional Support Services (1,578), and Post-Detox/Pre-Recovery (86).
- 22.0% (7,689) received Outpatient Services including Day Treatment (478), 1st Offender Drunk Driver (48), Outpatient Counseling (2,892), Case Management (94), Compulsive Gambling (18), 2nd Offender Aftercare (15), Criminal Justice Collaborative-Adult (32), Expanded Treatment Services (121), Acupuncture Detox (264), County Corrections (455) and Narcotic Treatment (3,272).
 - 9.4% (3,272) of all admissions received Narcotic Treatment Services.
- 8.2% (2,863) were admitted to Long Term Residential (greater than 30 days) Services including Recovery Homes (1,782), Therapeutic Communities (385), 2nd Offender Residential (15), Social Models (134), Specialized Residential for Women (135), Family Shelters (26), and Tewksbury Stabilization (385).
- 0.6% (207) of admissions received Other Services including Supportive Housing (172).



¹ SAMIS data include information reported by all BSAS licensed substance abuse treatment programs for FY 1992 to FY 2003. These data include admissions to BSAS licensed programs that may be reimbursed by Medicaid or other public payers. Trends are reported beginning in FY 1992 when data were first collected in their current form.

² For more data on Substance Abuse see MassCHIP: <http://MassCHIP.state.ma.us>

³ These data include the homeless status reported by all primary admissions.

Short Term Residential (<30 Days) Treatment Services Admissions by IDU Adults

In FY 2003, there were 24,254 primary IDU admissions to all Short Term Residential (less than 30 days) Treatment Services in Massachusetts. This includes admissions to Acute Treatment Services, Transitional Support Services, and Post-Detox/Pre-Recovery.

Characteristics of Admissions

IDU admissions to all Short Term Residential Treatment Services reported the following characteristics:

- 74.9% (18,166) were male and 25.1% (6,088) were female.
- 68.0% (16,493) were White, 6.4% (1,541) were Black, and 22.9% (5,339) were Latino.
- 93.2% (22,608) were unemployed.
- 34.2% (8,294) were homeless.
- 14.0% (3,385) reported prior mental health treatment.
- 35.8% (8,691) of the admissions were between the ages of 30-39, with a mean age of 33.8 years.
- 21.1% (5,121) were parents of children under six years of age, 13.5% (691) of these admissions reported living with their children. Thirty-six percent (8,612) were the parents of children 6-18 years age, 10.0% (856) of these admissions reported living with their children.

Primary Substance of Use

IDU admissions to all Short Term Residential Services reported heroin most often as the primary drug for which they were seeking treatment. Of all admissions:

- 92.0% (22,310) reported heroin as primary substance of use.
- 5.3% (1,283) reported alcohol as primary substance of use.
- 1.2% (303) reported cocaine or crack as primary substance of use.
- 0.1% (24) reported marijuana as primary substance of use.
- 1.4% (334) reported *other* drugs as primary substance of use.

Substance Used in Past Year

In FY 2003, at admission heroin was the most reported substance used in the past year among IDU admissions to all Short Term Residential Services. The percents of past years use add up to more than 100% due to poly-drug use. Of all admissions:

- 97.8% (23,718) reported past year heroin use.
- 35.2% (8,535) reported past year alcohol use.
- 35.2% (8,535) reported past year cocaine or crack use.
- 12.2% (2,954) reported past year marijuana use.
- 27.0% (6,558) reported past year use of *other* drugs. This includes 8.7% other opiates/synthetics, 0.4% PCP/other hallucinogens, 0.3% Amphetamines/other stimulants, 13.2% Tranquilizers, 0.3% Barbiturates/sedatives, less than 0.1% inhalants, 0.1% over the counter drugs, and 4.0% other drugs.

Types of Services

IDU admissions to all Short Term Residential Services received care in the following types of services:

- 93.1% (22,588) were admitted to Acute Treatment Services.
- 6.9% (1,664) received Transitional Support Services including Transitional Support Services and Post-Detox/Pre-Recovery Services.

Outpatient Services Admissions by IDU Adults

In FY 2003, there were 7,689 IDU admissions to Outpatient Services in Massachusetts. This includes admissions to Day Treatment, 1st Offender Drunk Driver, Outpatient Counseling, Case Management, Compulsive Gambling, 2nd Offender Aftercare, Criminal Justice Collaborative-Adult, Expanded Treatment Services, Acupuncture Detox, County Corrections, and Narcotic Treatment.

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, IDU admissions to Outpatient Treatment Services reported the following characteristics.

- 64.2% (4,937) were male and 35.8% (2,752) were female.
- 72.0% (5,538) were White, 7.3% (562) were Black, and 17.1% (1,316) were Latino.
- 83.7% (6,436) were unemployed.
- 11.1% (854) were homeless.
- 46.5% (3,574) reported prior mental health treatment.
- 35.0% (2,696) of the admissions were between the ages of 30-39, with a mean age of 34.7 years.
- 21.0% (1,612) were parents of children under six years of age, 36.4% (586) of these admissions reported living with their children. Thirty-nine percent (3,034) were the parents of children 6-18 years of age, 27.7% (840) of these admissions reported living with their children.

Primary Substance Of Use

IDU admissions to all Outpatient Treatment Services reported heroin most often as the primary drug for which they were seeking treatment. Of all admissions:

- 84.8% (6,519) reported heroin as primary substance of use.
- 5.3% (406) reported alcohol as primary substance of use.
- 4.7% (363) reported cocaine or crack as primary substance of use.
- 1.6% (119) reported marijuana as primary substance of use.
- 3.7% (282) reported *other* drugs as primary substance of use.

Substance Used in Past Year

In FY 2003, at admission heroin was the most reported substance of use in the past year among IDU admissions to Outpatient Treatment Services. The percents of past year use add up to more than 100% due to poly-drug use. Of all admissions:

- 94.4% (7,259) reported past year heroin use.
- 77.4% (5,950) reported past year cocaine or crack use.
- 57.2% (4,399) reported past year alcohol use.
- 40.1% (3,083) reported past year marijuana use.
- 74.1% (5,698) reported past year use of *other* drugs. This includes 31.1% other opiates/synthetics, 2.7% PCP/other hallucinogens, 2.5% Amphetamines/other stimulants, 25.4% Tranquilizers, 2.3% Barbiturates/sedatives, 0.6% inhalants, 0.9% over the counter drugs, and 8.7% other drugs.

Types of Services

IDU admissions to all Outpatient Treatment Services received care in the following types of programs:

- 56.6% (4,354) received other outpatient services including Day Treatment, Outpatient Counseling, County Corrections, Case Management, Compulsive Gambling, Acupuncture Detox, Criminal Justice Collaborative (Adult), and Expanded Treatment Services.
- 42.6% (3,272) received Narcotic Treatment Services.
- 0.8% (63) received DAE Services including 1st Offender Drunk Driver, and 2nd Offender Aftercare Services.

Long Term Residential (>30 Days) Treatment Services Admissions by IDU Adults

In FY 2003, there were 2,863 IDU admissions to all Long Term Residential (>30 days) Treatment Services in Massachusetts. This includes admissions to Recovery Homes, Therapeutic Communities, 2nd Offender Residential, Social Models, Specialized Residential for Women, Family Shelters, and Tewksbury Stabilization.

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, IDU admissions to all Long Term Residential Treatment Services reported the following characteristics:

- 71.0% (2,032) were male and 29.0% (831) were female.
- 77.8% (2,227) were White, 4.8% (136) were Black, and 13.7% (393) were Latino.
- 97.4% (2,787) were unemployed.
- 38.5% (1,102) were homeless.
- 38.6% (1,106) reported prior mental health treatment.
- 35.7% (1,022) of the admissions were between the ages of 30-39, with a mean age of 32.7 years.
- 24.0% (689) were parents of children under six years of age, 19.4% (134) of these admissions reported living with their children. Thirty-six percent (1,020) were the parents of children 6-18 years of age, 13.2% (135) of these admissions reported living with their children.

Primary Substance Of Use

IDU admissions to Long Term Residential Treatment Services reported heroin most often as the primary drug for which they were seeking treatment. Of all admissions:

- 81.1% (2,321) reported heroin as primary substance of use.
- 8.9% (256) reported alcohol as primary substance of use.
- 5.7% (164) reported cocaine or crack as primary substance of use.
- 0.7% (19) reported marijuana as primary substance of use.
- 3.6% (103) reported *other* drugs as primary substance of use.

Substance Used in Past Year

In FY 2003, at admission heroin and cocaine/crack were the most reported substances used in the past year among IDU admissions to Long Term Residential Treatment Services. The percents of past year use add up to more than 100% due to poly-drug use. Of all admissions:

- 99.1% (2,838) reported past year cocaine or crack use.
- 95.5% (2,734) reported past year heroin use.
- 66.3% (1,897) reported past year alcohol use.
- 41.6% (1,190) reported past year marijuana use.
- 91.8% (2,628) reported past year use of *other* drugs. This includes 36.0% other opiates/synthetics, 5.0% PCP/other hallucinogens, 5.6% Amphetamines/other stimulants, 34.9% Tranquilizers, 3.7% Barbiturates/sedatives, 1.3% inhalants, 1.5% over the counter drugs, and 4.0% other drugs.

Types of Services

IDU admissions to all Long Term Residential Treatment Services received care in the following types of programs:

- 93.8% (2,686) received treatment in Recovery Homes, Therapeutic Communities, Social Model, and Tewksbury Stabilization.
- 4.7% (135) were admitted to Specialized Residential Services for Women.
- 0.9% (26) received treatment in Family Shelters.
- 0.6% (16) were admitted to 2nd Offender Residential Services.